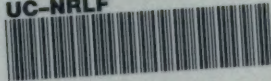


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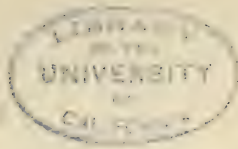
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The Nature of the Four Elements

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JOHN S. FARMER.

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A new interlude and a mery of the nature of the.iiij. elementf declarynge many proper poyntr of phylosophy naturall/and of dyuers straunge landys/and of dyuers straunge effecte & causis/whiche interlude yf y^e hole matter be playde wyl conteyne the space of an hour and a halfe/ but yf ye lyst ye may leue out muche of the sad mater as the messengers pte/and some of naturys parte and some of experyens pte & yet the matter wyl depend conueniently / and than it wyl not be paste the quarters of an hour of length.

Here folow the namys of the pleyers.

The messengere / Nature naturate / Humilite / Studyous desire / Sensuall appetite / The tauerne / Experyence / yngnozaunce / Also yf ye lyst ye may bynge in a dysgysynge.

Here folow dyuers matters whiche be in this interlude conteynyed.

Of the sytuacyon of the.iiij. elementf that is to sey the yerth the water the ayre and fyre / & of theyr qualytele and proprietele / and of the generacyon & corrupcyon of thyng made of y^e comyngton of them

B.i.



COf certeyn zclustons purynge y the yerth must nedf be roude & y it hengyth in y myddf of the fyr mamet / & y it is in circulerete a boue. xxi. M. myle

COf certeyn zclustons purynge that the see lyeth rounde vppon the yerth.

COf certeyne poyntf of cosmography / as how & where y see coueryth y yerth / & of dyuers straunge regyons & landys and whiche wey they lye / and of the new founde landys and y maner of y people.

COf the generacyon and cause of stone & metall and of plantis and herbys.

COf the generacyon and cause of well spryngf & ryuers / and of the cause of hote fumys that come out of the of y yerth / and of y cause of the bathys of water in the yerth whiche be ppetually hote.

COf the cause of the ebbe and flode of the see

COf the cause of rayne snowe and hable

COf the cause of the wyndys and thonder

COf the cause of the lychtynge of blasynge sterys and flamys sleynge in the ayre

The messenger.

Undoubted grace of the power deuynē
Whiche doth illumyne þ' world inuiron
Preserue this audyēce and cause them to inclynē
To charyte this is my petcyon
For by your pacyens and supportacyon
A lytyll interlude late made and preparyd
Befoze your presence here shall be declaryd
Whiche of a few conclusyons is contriuyd
And poynct of phyllosophy naturall
But though the matter be not so well declaryd
As a great clerke coude do noz so substancyall
yet the auctour hēreof requiryth you all
Though he be yngnozant and can lytyll skyll
To regarde his only intent and good wyll
Whiche in his mynde hath oft tymes ponderyd
What nombze of bokk in our tonge maternall
Of toyes and tryfellys be made and imprinted
And few of them of matter substancyall
For though many make bokk yet vnneth ye shall
In our englyshe tonge fynde any wark
Of contynge that is regardyd by clerke
The grek the roinaris with many othet mo
In thei moder tonge wrot wark excellent
Than yf clerke in this realme wolde take payn to
B. ij.

Consyderyng that our tonge is now suffycent
To expoun any hard sentence eydent
They myght yf they wolde in our englyshe tonge
Wryte woꝝkys of grauyte somtyme amonge
¶ For dyuers pꝛengnaunt wrytꝛ be in this lande
As well of noble men as of meane estate
Whiche nothyng but englyshe can vnderstande
¶ Than yf contrynge laten bokys were translate
In to englyshe / wel correct and appꝛobate
All subrell sciens in englyshe myght be lernyd
As well as other people in their owne tonge dyd
¶ But now so it is that in our englyshe tonge
Many one there is that can but rede & wryte
For his pleasure wyll oft pꝛesume amonge
New bokys to compyle and balatꝛ to indyte
Some of loue oꝛ other matter not worth a myte
Some to opteyn fauour wyll flatter and glose
Some wryte curyous termꝛ nothyng to purpose
¶ Thus euery man after his fantesye
Wyll wryte his consepte be it neuer so rude
Be it vertuouus bycꝛyous wysedome oꝛ foly
Wherfoꝛe to my purpose thus I conclude
Why hold not than the auctour of this interlude
Utter his owne fantesye and consepte also
As well as dyuers other now a dayes do
¶ For wysedome and foly is as it is takyn

For þ one callyth wysedome a nother callyth foly
yet amonge moſte folke that man is holdyn
moſte wyſe / whiche to be ryche ſtudyeth only
But he that for a cōmyn welth byſyly
Studyeth and laboꝝyeth and lyuyth by godde law
Except he wax ryche men count hym but a daw
¶ So he that is ryche is ever honouryd
All though he haue got it neuer ſo fallely
The poꝝe beyng neuer ſo wyſe is reꝝrouyd
This is the oppynyon moſte cōmynly
¶ Thoꝝ we out the woꝝlde / and yet no reaſon why
¶ Therfore in my mynde whan that all ſuche dawis
Haue babelyd what they cā no force of .ii. ſtrawis
¶ For euery man in reaſon thus ought to do
¶ To labour for hys owne neceſſary lyuyng
And than for the welth of his neyghbour alſo
But what dꝝuyliſh mynde haue they which muſig
And labouryng all their lyffe do no nother thyng
But byge ryches to their owne poſſeſſyon
Nothyng regardige their neyghbours diſtruccis
¶ Yet all the ryches in the woꝝlde that is
Byſyth of the grounde by goddys ſendynge
And by the labour of poꝝe mennys handys
And though thou ryche mā haue therof þ kepynge
yet is not this ryches of thy gettynge
Noꝝ oughtyſt not in reaſon to be ꝝeꝝyſed þ moꝝe

For by other menys labour it is got befoze
A great wytted man may sone be enrychyd
That laboꝝyeth and studyeth foꝝ ryches only
But how shall his cōscyens than be discharged
Foꝝ all clerke afferme that that man pꝛesely
Whiche studyeth foꝝ his owne welth pꝛyncypally
Of god shall deserue but lytyll rewarde
Except he the cōmyn welth som what regarde
So they sey that that man occupyed is
Foꝝ a cōmyn welth whiche is euer laboꝝyng
To relcue poꝝe people with tempoꝝall goodys
And that it is a cōmyn good act to byng
People from vyce and to vse good lyuyng
Lyke wyse foꝝ a cōmyn welth occupyed is he
That byngyeth them to knowlege ꝑ yngnozāt be
But man to knowe god is a dyffyculte
Except by a meane he hym selfe inure
Whiche is to knowe goddꝛ creaturys that be
As furst them that be of the grosst nature
And than to knowe them that be moꝝe pure
And so by lytyll and lytyll ascendyng
To knowe goddꝛ creaturys a meruelous werkige
And this wyse man at the last shall come to
The knowlege of god and his hꝛe mageste
And so to lerne to do his dewte and also
To deserue of his goodnes partence to be
Wherfoꝝe in this woꝝk declaryd shall ye see

Furst of the element is the sytuacyon
And of their effectis the caule and generacyon
¶ And though some mē thynke this matter to hys
And not mete for an audyence vnlearnyd
¶ He thynke for man nothyng moze necessary
¶ Than this to know though it be not vsyd
¶ For a matter moze lowe can not be arguyd
¶ For though the elementis goddys creaturis be
yet they be most grosse and lowyst in degre
¶ How dare men presume to be callyd clerke
¶ By putyng of hys creaturis celestyall
¶ As thyngys inuisyble and goddys hys warkys
¶ And know not these visyble thyngys inferyall
¶ So they wolde know hys thyngs & know nothyng
¶ Of the yerth here wheron they dayly be (at all
¶ Noth the nature forme nor quantyte
¶ ¶ Wherfore it semyth nothyng conuynent
¶ A man to study and his tyme to be stowe
¶ Furst for the knowlege of hys thyngs excellent
¶ And of lyght matters beneth nothyng to know
¶ As of these .iiii. elementis here belon
¶ whose effectis dayly appere here at eye
¶ Such thigs to know furst / were most mete study
¶ ¶ Whiche matter befoze your presence shortly
¶ In this interlude here shall be declaryd
¶ without great eloquence i tyme rudely
¶ Because the compyle is but small lernyd

This worke with rethorik is not adournyd
For perhappis in this matter muche eloquence
Sholde make it tedyous oꝝ hurt the sentence
But because some folke be lptyll disposyd
To sadnes / but moze to myrth and sport
This phylosophycall worke is myrtd
with mery conceyts to gyue men cōfozt
And occalyon to cause them to resoꝝt
To here this matter / wherto yf they take hede
Some lernynge to them therof may pcede
But they that shall nowe this matter declare
Openly here vnto this audyence
Beholde I prey you see where they are
The pleyers begyn to appere in presence
I se well it is tyme foꝝ me to go hens
And so I wyll do / therfoze now shortly
To god I cōmyt all this hole company

Chic intrat natura naturata Huma-
nyte & Studyous desire portās figurā

Natura Naturata

The hye myghty most excellent of all
The fountayn of goodnes verteu & cōnyng
whiche is eterne of power most potencyall
The pfeccyon and furst cause of cuery thyng
I meane thāt only hye nature naturyng

Lo he by his goodnes hath ordeyned and create
He here his mynyster callyd nature naturate.
¶ Wherfoze I am the verey naturate nature
The immediat mynyster for the preseruacyon
Of euery thyng in his kynde to endure
And cause of generacyon and corrupcyon
Of that thyng that is brought to destruccyon
¶ Another thyng styll I byngge forth a gayne
Thus wonderfly I worke and neuer in bayne
¶ The great world be holde lo deuydyd woderfly
In to two regyons wherof on I call
The etheriall region with the heuyns hie
Conteynyng the planetys sterres & speris all
The lower region callyd the elementall
Conteynyng these .iiij. elementis be loo
The fyre the aye the water and yerth also
¶ But yet the elementis and other bodyes all
Beneth take theyr effectys and operacyons
Of the bodyes in the region etheriall
By theyr influens and constellacyons
They cause here corrupcyons and generacyons
For yf the mouyng a boue sholde onys cease
Beneth sholde be nother increse noz decrese
¶ These elementis of them selve so synge be
Unto dyuers formys can not be deuydyd
yet they cōmyx to gyder dayly yf see

wherof dyuers kyndes of thyng be ingenderyd
whiche thyng est sonys whan they be corruptyd
yche element I reduce to his furst estate
So that nothyng can be viterly adnyhelate
¶ For though the forme and facyon of any thyng
That is a cozpozall body be destroyed
yet euery matter remainyth in his beyng
wherof it was furst made and foynyd
For corrupcyon of a body comyryd
ys but the resolucyon by tyme and space
Of euery element to his owne place
¶ For who that will take any body cozpozall
And do what he can it to destroy
To bryke it or grynde it into pouder small
To washe to drowne to bren it or to dry
yet the ayre and fyre therof naturally
To their owne pper places will ascende
The water to the water the yerth to y yerth tende
¶ For yf hete or moysture of any thyng certayne
By fyre or be water be consumyd
yet yerth or allhes on yerth will remaine
So the elements can neuer be destroyed
For essencially ther is nowat this tyde
As muche fyre ayre water yerth as was
Euer befoze this tyme nether moze nor las
¶ Wherfoze thou man now I speke to the

Remember that thou art compound and create
Of these elementis as other creaturis be
yet they haue not all lyke noble estate
For plantis and herbys growe and be insensate
Brute bestis haue memozy and their wytt fyue
But thou hast all those and soule intellectuall
So by reason of thyne vnderstandyng
Thou hast domynyon of other bestis all
And naturally thou sholdyst desire conyng
To knowe straunge effect and causys naturall
For he that studyeth for the lyfe bestyall
As voluptuous pleasure and bodely rest
I account hym neuer better than a best

¶ Humanyte.

O excellent prynce and great lord nature
I am thyne owne chyld and formyde instrument
I beseeche thy grace take me to thy cure
And teche me suche scyens thou thikyst expedyt

¶ Nature.

¶ Than syth thou art so humble and beneuolent
That thyng that is mete for thy capasyte
And good for thy knowlege I shall instructe the
¶ First of all thou must consyder and see
These elementis whiche do yche ether penetrate
And by contyruall alteracyon they be
Of them selfe dayly coruptyd and generate

The yerth as a poynnt or center is sytuatē
In the myddē of the woꝛlde with þ water Joynd
with the ayre & fyre rounde & hole inuironyd
¶ The yerth of it selfe is ponderous and heuy
Colde and dry of his owne nature pper
Some parte lyeth dry contynually
And parte therof coueryd ouer with water
Some with the salt see some with freshe ryuer
whiche yerth and the water to gyder with all
So Joynd make a rounde fygure sperycall
¶ So the water whiche is colde & moyst is foude
In and vppon the yerth fyllynge the holones
In dyucts partia lyngē with þ yerth rounde
yet the hyllys and mounteyns of þ yerth excelle
Take nothyngē of hit a way the roundnes
In comparyson bycause they be so small
No moze than the prikke do that be on a gall
¶ The ayre whiche is hote and moyst also
And the fyre whiche is cuer hote and dry
About the yerth and water Joyntly they go
And compasse them euery where orbycularly
As the whyte aboute the yolke of an egg doth lye
But the ayre in the lower parte mooste remainyth
The fyre naturally to the hyer tendyth
¶ The etheryall region whiche conteynyth
The sterys and planetys and cuery spere



A bout the elementis daily mouyth
And coueryth them rounde a bout euery where
Euery sterre and spere in straunge maner
Vppon his diuine poles mouyth dyuersly
Whiche now to declate were to longe to tary
¶ The fyre and the ayre of thcir naturys be lyght
Therfoze they moue by natutall prouydence
The water bycause it is ponderous in weyght
Mouyth not naturally but by vyolence
Of the sterres and planctts by whose influence
The see is compellyd to ebbe and flowe daily
And freshe waters to sprynge contynually
¶ And though þ the water be grose and heuy
yet nothyng so grose as the yerth is
Therfoze by hete it is vapozyd vp lyghtly
And in the ayre makyth cloudys and myst
But as sone as euer that it grosely is
Gederyd to gydet / it descendyth a gayne
And causyth vppon þ yerth hayle snow & rayne
¶ The yerth because of his ponderosyte
A voydyth equally the mouyng great
Of all extremytes and sperys that be
And tendyth to the place that is most quiet
So in the myddys of all the sperys is set
Formast abiect from all maner mouynge
Where naturally he restyth & mouyth nothyng

Marke well now how I haue the shewyd & tolde
Of euery element the very sytuacyon
And qualyte, wherfoze this fygure beholde
For a moze manyfest demonstracyon
And by cause thou sholdyst not put to oblyuon
My doctryne / this man callyd studyous desire
With the shall haue contynuall habytacyon
The styll to exhort moze scyens to adquire
Foz y moze y thou desyrest to know any thyng
Therin thou semyst the moze a man to be
For that man that desireth no maner conyng
All that wyle no better than a best is he
Why ben the eyes made but only to see
The leggs to bere the body of a creature
So euery thyng is made to do his nature
So lyke wysc reason wit and vnderstondyng
ys gauen to the man for that thou sholdyst i bede
knowe thy maker & cause of thyne owne beyng
And what y worlde is & wherof thou doest pcede
wherfoze it be houwth the of vete y nede
The cause of thyng? first for to lerne
And than to knowe & laude the hye god eterne
Humanyte.
O glorious lorde and prynce moste pleasant
Greatly am I now holdyn vnto the
So to illuinyne my mynd that was yngnoyane

With such noble doctryne as thou hast here shewed
wherfore I promise vpon my fydelyte (me
My dylygence to do to kepe in memozy
And the for to honour styl ppetually

C Studious desire

And syth it hath pleased thy grace to admyt
Me vpon this man to gyue attendaunce
With thy doctryne here shewed I shall qkkyne his
And dayly put hym in remembraunce (wyt
His courage and desyre I shall also inhaunce
So that his felycyte shall be most of all
To study and to serche for causys naturall

C Nature.

Well than for a season I wyll departe
Leuyng you to gyder here both twayne
what I haue shewid man prynt well in thyme hert
And marke well this fygyre y here shall remayne
wherby thou maist perceyue many thynges moze
Concernyng y matter I spake of before (playn
And whan that I shall resort here a gayne
Of hys poynte of conyng I shall shew y moze

C Studious desire.

Now humanyte call to your memozy
The conyng poynte that nature hath declared
And though he haue shewed dyuers poits a many
Of the elementis so wonderly formed

yet many other causys there are wolde be lernyd
As to knowe the generasyon of thyng^e all
Here in the yerth / how they be ingendryd
As herbys plantys well spryng^e ston and met^ell

CHumanyte.

Chose thyng^e to knowe for me be full expediēt
But yet i those poynt^e whiche nature late the wyd
My mynde in them as yet is not cōtent (me
For I can nō maner wyse perceyue nor see
Nor proue by reason why the yerth sholde be
In the mydde of y^e firmament hengyng so small
And the yerth with the water to be rounde with all

CStudyous desire.

We thynkyth my selfe as to some of those poynt^e
I coude gyue a suffycent solucyon
For furst of all thou must nedys graunt this
That the yerth is so depe and botom hath non
Or els there is some grole thyng hit stōdyth vpon
Or els that it hangyth thou must ned^e consent
Eyn in the mydde of the firmament

CHumanyte.

What than go forth with thyne argument

CStudyous desire.

Chā marke well in y^e day or in a wynters nyght
The sone and mōone and sterres celestyall
In the est furst they do apere to thy syght

After in the west they do downe fall
A rayne in the moꝛowe next of all
Wi. xliij. houres they be come. Just
To est poirt again where thou sawist them furd
Can yf the erthe shulde be of endles depnes
D shulde stande vpon any other. glose thyng
It shulde be an impedymēt dowtles
To the sone mone and sterris in theyꝝ mouyng
They shulde not so in the est agayne spyng
Therfoze in reason it seemyth moſte conuenient
The yerth to hange in þ. myddē of the fyꝝmamēt
Humanyte.

Chyne argument in þ. poynt doth me cōfoūde
That thou hast made but yet it puyth not ryght
That the yerth by reason shulde be rounde
Foꝝ though þ. fyꝝmamēt with his sterris bryght
Compas aboute the yerth eche day and nyght
Yet the yerthe may be playne paduentre
Quadrant triangle oꝝ some other fyꝝgure

Studyouse desyre.

That it can not be playne I shall well pꝝue the
Be cause the sterris that a ryle in the oꝝyent
Appere moꝝe soner to them that there be
Than to the other dwellyng in the occident

B. i.

The eclipse is therof a playne experymente
Of the sone or mone which whane it dothe fy
Is neuer one tyme of the day in placys all
Yet the eclipys generally is alwaye
In the hole worlde as one tyme beyng
But whan we that dwell here see it in y mydday
They in the west partis see it in the moonyng
And they in the est beholde it in the euenyng
And why that sholde so be no cause can be found
But onely by reason that the yerthe is rownde

Humanyte.
That reason proueth the yerth at the lest
One waye to be rownde I cannot gayne say
As for to accompt frome the est to the west
But yet not withstondyng all that it may
Lese hys rowndenesse by some other waye

Studious desyre.
Na no doubt it is rownde euery where
which I coulde proue thou shoudest not say nay
yf I had thereto any tyme and lesse
But I knowe a man callyd experyens
Of dyuers instrumentys is neuer without
Cowde proue all these poyntys & yet by his scyces
Can tell how many myle the erthe is a bowte

in many other straunge cōclusiōs no doubt
Thys instrumentys cowde shew thē so certayn
at euery rude carter shold them playne playn

Humanyte.

Now wolde to god I had y man now here
For the contemtacyon of my mynde

Studyous desyre.

Cyf ye wyll I shall for hym enquire
And bynge hym beder yf I can hym fynde

Humanyte.

Then myght I say ye were to me ryght kynde

Studyous desyre.

I shall assay by god that me dere bought
For cunnyng is the thyng y wolde be sought

Sensuall apetyte.

well hpet quod hykman when y he smot
Hys wyffe on the buttocke with a bere pott
Aha now god eyn sole god eyn
It is euen the knaue that I mene
Halt thou done thy bablyng

Studyous desyre.

Cye peradventure what than

Sensuall apetyte. (in blyssyng)

Thā hold downe thy hede lyke a pety mā & take

Benedicite / I graue to the / this poor
And geue the absolucion
For thy loth saws / stande by Jack daw
I be shew thy faders lone
Take some sye and let vs be mery
with huska galand / synge ryll on the bery
And let the wyde worlde wynde
Synge fryska / Joly with hey troy loly
For I se well it is but a foly
For to haue a sad mynd
For rather than I wolde vse suche foly
To pray to study or be pope holy
I had as lyf be ded
By goggyes body I tell you trew
I speke as I thinke now els I be shew
Turn my nett felowes hed
Wasser humanyte sye be your leue
I were ryght loth you to greue
Thaugh I do hym dyspyle
For yf ye kneme hym as well as I
ye wolde not vse his company
Nor loue hym in no wyse
Du. Syr he loketh lyke an honest man
Therefore I merue yll that ye can

This wyse hym depaue

Sen. Though he loke neuer so well
I promise you he hath a wysewode smell

Qu. Why so I pray you tell

Sen. For he saueryth lyke a knaue

St. Holde your pease sye ye mys take me
what I trowe that ye wolde make me
Lyke to one of your kyn

Sen. Marke sye here ye not how boldly
He rallyth me knaue agayne by polycy
The deuill pull of his skyn
I wolde he were hangyd by the throte
For by the messe I loue hym not
we two can neuer a gre

I am content sye with you to rary

And I am for you so necessary

ye can not lyue without me

why sye I say what man be ye

Qu. I am callyd sensuall apetyte

Sen. All creaturs to me delyste

I comferte the wyttys syue

The talkyng smelllyng a hetynge

I refresh the syght and felynge

To all creaturs a lyue

For when the body werith hongry
Forlacke of fode or ellys thursty
Then with drynkes plefaund
I restore hym out of payne
And oft refreshe nature agayne
with delycate vyand
with plefaunde sound of armonye
The hearynge alwaye I satysfy
I dare this well reporte
The smellynge with swete odour
And the syght with plefaunte fygo
And colours I comfozte
The felynge that is so plefaunte
Of euery member fote or hande
what pleasure therein can be
By the towechyng of soft & harde
Of hote or colde nought in regarde
Excepte it come by me
Then I cannot see the contrary
But ye are for me full necessary
And ryght conuenient.
Stu. yea sy beware yet what ye do
For yf you forsake my company so
Lorde nature wyll not be contente.

Of hym ye shall neuer learne good thyng
Nothet vertu noz no other conyng
This dare I well say

Sen. Mary auant knaue I the deliue
Byde nature for byde hym my conyng
what sayst thou therto speke openly

Hu. As for that I know well nay

Sen. No by god I am ryght sure
for he knoweth well no creature
without me can lyue one day

Hu. Sye I pray you be contente
It is not vtterly myne intente
your company to exyle
But onely to haue comunycacyon
And a pastyme of recreacyon
with this man for a whyle

Stu. well for your pleasure I wyll be parte

Sen. Now go knaue go I bestyze withy hart
The deayll sende the for warde

Sen. Now by my trouth I meruell gretly
That euer ye wolde vse the company
So myche of suche a knaue
for yf ye do no nother thyng
But euer study and to be matyng

As he wolde haue you it wyll you byynge
At the last vnto your graue
Ye shulde euer study pyncypall
Foz to comfozt your lyfe naturall
With metis and drynkes dylcate
And other pastymes & pleasures a monge
Dausynge laughynge or plefaunt longe
This is mete for your estate

Hu. Because ye sey so I you pmyse
That I haue musyd & studyed such wyse
We thynketh my wyttes wery
By nature desyareth some restreshynge
And also I haue ben so longe fastynge
That I am somwhat hongry

Sen. Well than wyll ye go with me
To a tauerne where ye shall se
Good pastauice & at your lyberte
Haue what so euer ye wyll

Hu. I am content so for to do
yf that ye wyll not fro me go
But kepe me company styll

Sen. Copany qd a/ye y I shall poynt deuyle
And also do you good and trew seruyce
And therto I plyght my trouthe



And if that I euer forlake you
 I pray god the deuyl take you
Hu. **Mary** I thanke you for that othe
Sen. **A** mylchylfe on it my tonge loo
 wyll trypp somtyme what so euer I do
 But ye wot what I mene well
Hu. **O**ye no force let this matter passe
 But seydest eui now thou knewyst where
 A good tauerne to make solas (was
 where is that I prey the tell
Sen. **Mary** at the doze euyne here by
 yf we call any thyng on hye
 The tauerner wyll answere
Hu. **I** prey the than call for hym nowe
Sen. **Mary** I wyll / How tauerner hold
 why doste thou not appere
Tauer. **W**ho is that calleth so hastely
ney. I shrew thyne hert speke softely
 I tell the I am not here
Sen. **W**han I be shrews page of thyne age
 Come hyther knaue for thyne auantage
 why makyst thou hit so to w
Ta. **F**or myne auantage mary tha I come
 Beware syz how let me haue roine
 Ad here I am what seyest thou

Sen. Gaty thus here is a gentylman I say
That nother ete noz dranke this day
Therfor tell me I the praye
yf thou haue any good wyne
Ca. ye shall haue spayneshe wyne & gascopyn
Rose coloure whyt claret rampyon
Cype capryck and maluesyne
Sak raspyre alycaunt rumney
Gzeke ipocrase new made clary
Suche as ye neuer had
For yf ye dypnke a draught oꝝ too
yt wpll make you oꝝ ye thens go
By gogge body starke madde
Sen. I wot thou art not without good wyne
But here is a gentylmā hath lyst to dyne
Canst thou get hym any good mete
Ca. what mete maystet wolde ye haue
Hu. I care not so god me laue
So that it be holsome to ete
I wolde we had a good stewyd capon
Sen. As for capons ye can gette none
The kyngys taker toke by eche one
I wot well there is none to get

Ca. Though all capons be gone what than
yet I can get you a stewed hen
That is redy dyght.
Du. yf she be fat yt wyll do well
Ca. fat oꝛ lene I cannot tell
But as foꝛ this I wot well
She lay at the stewes all nyght.
Du. Thou art a mad gest be this lyght.
Sen. ye syꝛ it is a felow that neuer saylys
But cãst get my mayster a dyshe of qua-
smal byꝛdes swalwes oꝛ wagtayle
They be lyght of dygestyon.
Ca. Lyght of dysgestyon foꝛ what reason
Sen. foꝛ physyk putteth this reason therto
Bycause those byꝛdes fle to & fro
And be continuall mouynge
Ca. Then know I a lyghter mete than þ
Du. I pray the tell me what
Ca. yf ye wyll nedys know at short & longe
It is euyñ a womans tounge
foꝛ that is euer sterynge
Du. Syꝛ I pray the let suche fantesies be
And comic heder nere & harbe to me
And do after my byddyng.

God puruey vs a dyner euyr of the most
Of all maier dysshes both sod and rotte
That thou canst get spare for no colte
yf thou make thye course

Ca. **C**han ye get no her gorse no swane
But a dyshe of dreggs a dyshe of brasse
A dyshe of drasse and I trowe than
ye can not get thye wole

hu. **W**hat holson woldest thou puruey
By an drasse a synkyng dregg I sey
I holde the mad I trowe

Ca. **G**ottes passyon sayd ye not thus
That I shulde puruey you thye course
And these be course I nowe (dysshes)

hu. **T**hese course dysshes god a
what mad sole thou mys takest me clene
I se well thou wotest not what I mene
And vnderstandyst a mys
I mene this wyle I wolde haue the
To puruey mete so great plente
That thou sholdyst of necessitye
Serue them at thye courlys
Chat is to vnderstande at one wyse
Thou sholdest byngt them vnto y boye

At the severall tymes

Ca. What than I se well ye will make a feste

Dy. Ye by the rode evyn with the grettest

Sen. By my trowth chan do ye best

Evyn after my mynde

But ye must have moze company.

Dy. That is trewe and so wolde I gladly

If I knewe any to fynde

Sen. Why will ye folowe my counsell

Dy. Why

Sen. Chan we will haue lytell nell

A pper wenche she dauntyth well

And Jane with the blacke lace

We will haue bounsyngge heste also

And two or thre proper wenchis mo

Right fey and smotter of face

Dy. How be it so thou art launce yere

Ca. Cha I pceue ye will make gode chere

Dy. Why what shulde I els do

Ca. If ye thynke so best chan, will I

Go before and make all thyngge redy

Agayne ye come therto

Dy. Mary I pray the do so

Ca. Chan fare well sy's so I am gone

Chu. And we shall folow the anon
without any tarryng

Sen. Then it is best sye ye make hast
foz ye shall spende here but tyme i wast
And do no nother thyng

Hu. Cyl ye wyll let vs goo by and by

Sen. I pray you be it foz I am redy
No man better wyllng

Exeat Sen. & Hu. Intrat **Expiés. & Stu.**
Now colyn experpens as I may say
ye are ryght welcom to this contrey
without any faynyng.

Expiés Sye I thanke you therof hertely
And I am as glad of your company
As any man lyuyng.

Stu. Sye I vnderstonde that ye haue be
In many a straunge countree
And haue had grete fyllycte
Straunge causes to seke and fynde

Ex. Ryght farr sye I haue rydden & gone
And seen straunge thynges many one
In affryk/europe and ynde
Bothe est & west I haue ben farr
North also and seen the south ster

Bothe by see and lande
And ben in sondry nacyns
with peple of dyuers condycyns
Stu. Maruelous to vnderstonde.
Syz yf a man haue suche corage
Oz deuocyon in pylgrymage
Iheruzalem vnto
Foz to accompt the nexte way
How many myle is it I you pray
Er. From hens theder to goo
Syz as foz all suche questyons
Of townes to know the sytuacyon
How ferf they be a sunder
And other poyntes of cosmogryfy
ye shall neuer lerne then more surely
Then by that fygure yonder
Foz who that fygure dyd fyrst deuyle
It semeth well he was wyse
And perfyte in this leyens
Foz bothe the se and lande also
Lye trew and iust as they sholde do
I know by experyens.
Stu. who thynke you brought here this fygure
Er. I wot not

Stu. Certes lo: de nature
Hym selfe not longe a gone
Whiche was here personally
Declarunge hys philosophy
And laste this fygure purposely
For humanytes instruccyn

Ex. Doubtes ryght nobly done
Stu. Syr: this realme ye know is callid. eglade.
Somtyme brettayne. I vnderstonde
Therefore I pray you poit with your hade
In what place it shulde lye.

Ex. Syr: this ys ynglande lyenge here
And this is skotlade & Joyneth hym nere
Compassyd a boute euery where
With the occian see rownde.
And next from them westwardly
Here by hym selfe alone doth ly.
Irelande that hossome grounde
Here than is the narowe seey.
To Calyce and Boleync the next wey.
And flaunders in this pte.
Here lyeth fraunce. next hym iopnyng
And spayn southwarde fro thes stadyng
And portyngale in this quart

This contrey is callyd Italye
Beholde where Rome in þe myddel doth ly
And Naples here be yonde
And this lytell See that here is
Is callyd the Gulfe of Venys
And here venys doth stande
As for almayne lyeth this way
Here lyeth denmarke and noꝝ way
And noꝝthwarde on this syde
There lyeth Iselonde where mē do fysh
But be yonde that so colde it is
No man may there abyde
This See is called the great Occyan
So great it is that neuer man
Coude tell it sith the woꝝlde began
Tyll nowe within this. xx. yere
westwarde be founde new landes
That we neuer harde tell of befoꝝe this
By wytynge noꝝ other meanys
yet many nowe haue ben there
And that contrey is so large of come
Muche lenger than all cristendome
without fable oꝝ gyle
For dyuers maryners haue it tryed
And sayled streyght by the coste syde
A boue. v. thousand myle

But what comodities be within
No man can tell noz well Imagin
But yet not longe a go
Some men of this coutrey went
By the kynges noble consent
It fo: to serche to that entent
And coude not be brought therto
But they that were they venteres
Haue cause to curse their maryners
Fals of promys and dissemblers
That falsly them be trayed
Whiche wold take no paine to saile farther
Than their owne lyst and pleasure
Wherfoze that vyage and dyuers other
Suche kaytyffes haue destroyed
O what a thyng had be than
yf that they that be englyshe men
Myght haue ben the surst of all
That there shulde haue take possessyon
And made surst buyldynge & habytacion
A memory perpetuall
And also what an honozable thyng
Bothe to the realme and to the kyng
To haue had his domynyon extendynge
There into so farre a grounde
Whiche the noble kyng of late memory

The moſte wyſe pynce the. vij. Henry
Cauſyd firſt for to be founde
And what a great meritoꝝ youſe dede
It were to haue the people instructed
To lyue moze vertuouſly
And to lerne to knowe of men the maner
And alſo to knowe god theyꝝ maker
whiche as yet lyue all beſtly
For they nother knowe god neꝝ the deuell
Noꝝ neuer harde teil of heuyn noꝝ hell
Wꝝytinge noꝝ other ſcripture
But yet in the ſteoe of god almyght
The honour the ſone for his great lyggt
For that doth them great pleaſure
C Syldyngē noꝝ houſe they haue nō at
But wodes / cotſ / and cauys ſmall (all
No merueyle though it be ſo
For they vſe no maner of yꝝon
Nother in tole noꝝ other wepon
That ſhulde helpe them therto
Copper they haue whiche is founde
In dyuers places aboue the grounde
yet they dyg not therfoꝝe
For as I ſayd they haue non yꝝyn
wherby they ſhuld in the yerth myne
To ſerche for any woꝝe

Great haboundance of wodde ther be
Woite parte by and pyne aple tre
Great ryches myght come therby
Both pyche and tarre and sope allhys
As they make in the east landes
By byrnyng the of only
¶ Fyche they haue so great plente
That in hauyns take and slayne they be
With staups withouten fayle
Nowe frenchemen & other haue foude the
That yerely of fyche there they ladi (trade
A boue an. C. sayle
¶ But in the south parte of that contrey
The people there go nakyd alway
The lande is of so great here
And in the north parte all the clothes
That they were / is but best skynnes
They haue no nother fete
But howe the people furst began
In that contrey oz whens they cam
For clerkes it is a questyon
Other thynge mo I haue in stoze
That I coude tel therof but now no moze
¶ Yll a nother season

Stu. ¶ Chā at your pleasure shew some other
yt lyketh me so wel your cōpnyge (thige

ye can not talke a mys
Ex. ¶ Chā wyl I tozme a gayne to my matter
Of Cosmogryfy where I was crē
Scholde take hede to this
¶ Loo estwarde beyonde þ̄ great occyan
Here entereth the see callyd mediterrān
Of .ij. M. myle of lengthe
The Soudans contrey lyeth here by
The great Turke on þ̄ north syde doth ly
A man of incruelous strengthe
¶ This sayde north pte is callyd europa
And this south pte callyd affrica
This east pte is callyd ynde
But this newe landf founde lately
Ben callyd america by cause only
Americus dyd furst them fynde
¶ Loo Iherlm lyeth in this contrey
And this beyonde is the red see
That moyses maketh of mencyon
This quarter is India minoz
And this quarter India maioz
The lande of prestet Johñ
¶ But northwarde this way as ye se
Many other straunge regions ther be
And people that we not knowe
But estwarde on the see syde

A pynce there is that rulyth wyde
Callyd the Lane of catowe
And this is called the great east see
whiche goth all a longe this wey
Cowardes the newe landis agayne
But whether that see go thither dyrectly
Or if any wyldernes bytwene them do ly
No man knoweth for certeyne
But these newe landes by all cosmographe
Frome the cane of catous lande can not lye
Aptell pascle a thousande myle
But from those new landes me may sayle
Estwarde & cke to englade againe
Where we began ere whyle
To all this parte of the yertth whiche I
Haue here descryuyd openly
The north parte we do it call
But the south pte on the other syde
ys as large as this full and as wyde
whiche we knowe nothyng at all
Nor whether y moste pte be lande or see
Nor whether the people that there be
Be bestyall or connyng
Nor whether they knowe god or no
Nor howe they belcve nor what they do
Of this we knowe nothyng

No is not this a thyng wooderfull
How that

¶ Et subito studyouse desire dicat.

- Stu.** ¶ These sý; no moze of this matter
Beholde where humanyte cometh here
- Sen.** ¶ How sey you maister humanyte
I prey you haue ye not be mere
And had good recreacyon
- Hu** ¶ Yes I thanke the therof euery dell
For we haue saryd mcruclously well
And had good commynycayon
- Ca.** ¶ What how maister where be ye now
- Sen.** ¶ What I shew the what haste hast thou
That thou spekyst so hye
- Ca.** ¶ So hye qd a I trow ye be mad by saynt
For dyd ye not ere whyle (gye
Make poyntment openly
To come agayne all to supper
There as ye were to day at dyner
And yet ye poynted not playne
What mete that ye wyll haue drest
Nor what delycat? ye loue best
We thynke you farre ouer sayne
- Hu** ¶ As for myne owne pte I care not
Dresse what mete thou louest spare not
What so euer thou doest best thynke

Ca. Now if ye put it to my lybette
 Of all mete in the worlde that be
 By this lyght I loue best drynke
Sen. It seemyth by thy face so to do
 But my maister wyll haue mete also
 what so euer it cost
Ca. By god syz than ye must tell what
Hu. At thy discreesson I forze nat
 whether it be soden oz rost
Ca. Well syz than care not let me a lone
 ye shall se that all thyng shall be done
 And orderyed well and fyne
Hu. So I require the hertely
 And in any wyle specyally
 Let vs haue a cuppe of newe wyne
Ca. Ye shall haue wyne as newe as can be
 for I may tell you in pryuyte
 Hit was buyed but yester nyght
Hu. But that is nothyng for my delyte
Ca. But than I haue for your apetyte
 A cup of wyne of olde claret
 There is no better by this lyght
Hu. Well I trust the well I nowe
Ca. But on thyng if it please you nowe
 ye se well I take muche payne for you
 I trust ye wyll se to me

Hu. **C**ye I pmyse the get the hens
And in this matter do thy dyligence
And I shall well rewarde the

Sen. **B**y cause thou lokyst for a rewarde
One thyng for the I haue ppared
That here I shall the gyffe
Thou shalt haue a knauys skyn
For to put thy body therin
For terme of thy lyfe

Ca. **N**ow gra mercy my gentyll brother
And therfore thou shalt haue nother
For vordynge of stryfe

Sen. **N**owe fare well gentyll Iohn

Ca. **T**han fare well sole for I am gone

Sen. **A**byde to me ones a gayne harke what
yet there is a nother thyng (They
wolde do well at our maisters wastynge

Hu. **W**hat thyng is that I the prey

Sen. **M**ary thus canst thou tell vs yet
where is any rose water to get

Ca. **Y**e that I can well purney

As good as euer you put to your nose
For there is a seyre wenche callyd rose
Dystylleth a quartc euery day

Sen. **B**y god I wolde a pynt of that
were p. wyd cunyn bpon thy pate

- Befoze all this presence
Ca. C yet I had leuer she and I
 where both to gyther secretly
 In some corner in the spence
 For by god it is a pety gyde
 It is a worlde to se her whyde
 Daunspunge in a rounde
 O lorde god how she wyll trye
 She wyll bounce it she wyll whye
 ye clene aboue the grounde
Hu. C well let all suche matters passe I sey
 And get the hens and goo thy way
 Aboute this other matter
Ca. C Than I goo streyght lo fare ye well
Sen. C But loke yet thou remembre euerydell
 That I spake of full ere
Ca. C Yes I warrant you do not fere
 C Great Cauerner.
Hu. C Goddis lorde seist not who is here now
 what studyo? delize what newis with you.
Stu. C ye shall knowe sy? or I go
Sen. C what art thou here I se well I
 The mo knaues the worse company
Stu. C Thy lewde condycyons thou doest styll
 As thou art wont to do (occupy
Hu. C But I sey who is this here in presence

Stu. **C**Syz this is the man callyd experiens
 That I spake of befoze
Hu. **C**Experyens why is this he
 Syz ye ar ryght welcome vnto me
 And shall be euer moze
Expe. **C**Syz I thanke you therof hertely
 But I assure you feythfully
 I haue small courage here to tary
 As long as this man is here
Sen. **C**why hozson what eplyst at me
Ex. **C**Foz thou hast euer so leude a pperte
 Science to dispyle and yet thou art he
 That nought canst noz nought wylt lere
Sen. **C**Mary quait knaue I make god auowe
 I thynke my selte as conynge as thou
 And that shall I proue shortly
 I shall put the a questyon now come nere
 Let me se how well thou canst answere
 How spelledst this worde tom Couper
 In trewe artografye
Ex. **C**Com couper qd a a wyse questyō herdly
Sen. **C**ye I tel y agayne yet / tom coug hou spel
 Lo he hath foz gotten ye may se (lyst it
 The furstte worde of his a b c.
 Harke fole harke I wyll teche the
 D.a.pa.t.c.r.ter.do to gyther tom couper

ys not this a soze matter
Loo here ye may se hym puyd a sole
He had moze nede to go to scole
Chan to come hyther to clatter

Stu. Certeyne this is a solucyon
Mete soz luche a boyes questyon

Hu. Senuall apetyte I prey the
Let passe all luche tryfles and vanyte
Foz a wyle it shall not longe be
And departe I the requyre
Foz I wolde talke a worde oz two
with this man here oz he hetis go
Foz to satysfy my desyre

Sen. Why goggis soule wpll ye so shortly
Bieke poyntment with yonder company
where ye shulde come to supper
I trust ye wpll not bieke pynys so

Hu. I care not greatly yf I do
yt is but a taucerne matter

Sen. Chan wpll I go shew them what ye sey

Hu. Spare not if thou wylt go thy wey
Foz I wpll here tary

Sen. Chā a dew foz a whyle I tel you playne
But I pynse you whā I come a gayne
I shall make yonder knauys twayne
To repent and be soz

Ex. **C**Howe I am full glad that he is gone
Stu. **S**o am I for good wyll he do none
 Co no man lyuyng
 But this is the man with whome ye shall
 I trust be well content with all
 And glad of his cōnyng
 Cfor he hath expownd connyngly
 Dyuers poyntes of Cosmogryfy
 In fewe wordes and shorte clause
Hu. **S**o I vnderstand he hath gode science
 And that he hath by playne expience
 Lernyd many a straunge cause
Stu. **C**ye syz and I say for my pte
 He is the cōnyngest man in that arte
 Chat euer I coude fynde
 For alke what questyon ye wyll do
 Howe the yerth is rounde or other mo
 He wyll satysfy your mynde
Ex. **W**hy what doute haue ye therein founde
 Thynke ye the yerth shulde not be rounde
 Or elles howe suppose ye
Hu. **O**ne wey it is rounde I must consent
 For this man prouyd it euydent
 Cowarde the east and occydent
 It must nedis rounde be
Ex. **A**nd lyke wyle from the south to noyth

Du.
Ex.

That poynt to pꝛoue were sū thāke woꝛth
Eyes that I can well pꝛoue
Foz this ye knowe as well as I
ye se the noꝛth starre in the skye
Harke well ye shall bnethe it spye
That euer it doth remoue
¶ But this I assure you if you go
Noꝛthwarde an hundꝛeth myle oꝛ two
ye shall thynke it ryseth
And how that it is nere apꝛoched
The poynt ouer the top of your hed
Whiche is callyd your zenyth
¶ Yet yf ye go the other wey
Southwarde .x. oꝛ .xii. dayes Joꝛney
ye shall then thynke anon
It discended and come moꝛe nye
The sercle ptyng the yerth and skye
As ye loke streyght with your eye
Whiche is callyd your oꝛyson
¶ But ye may go southwarde so farre
That at the last that same starre
Wyll seme so farre downe ryght
Clere vnder neth your oꝛyson
That syght therof can you haue non
The yerth wyll stop your syght
¶ This pꝛyph of necessyts



That the yerth must nedis rounde be
This concludsion doth it trye

Hu. **C**Howe that is the pperist concludsion
That euer I herde for by reason
No man may hit deuye
But sir if that a man sayle farre
Upon the see wyll than that starre
Do there as on the grounde

Ex. **T**ye doutles sayle northwardr ryle it wyll
And sayle southwarde it falleth styl
And that prouyth the see rounde

Stu. **S**o dothe it in myne oppynyon
But knowe you any other concludsion
To proue it rounde saue that alone

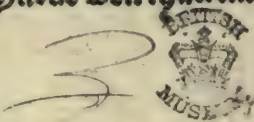
Ex. **E**ye that I knowe ryght well
As thus marke well whan y see is clere
That no stoyne noz waue therō doth pere
This maryners can tell
Chan if a fyre be made on nyght
Upon the shoze that gyueth great lyght
And a shyp in the see farre
They in the toppe the fyre se shall
And they on hache nothyngge at all
yet they on haches be nerē
Also on the see where men be saylyngge
Farre frome lande they se nothyngge

But the water and the skye
yet whan they drawe the lande moze nere
Than the hyll toppes begyn to apere
Styll the nere moze hye and hye
As though they were styll growynge faste
Out of the see tyll at laste
whan they come the shore to
They se the hyll toppe fote and all
whiche thyng so coude not be fall
But the see lay rounde also

Hu. He thynketh your argumēt sō what hard
Er. Than ye shall haue it moze playnly
If ye haue great desyre (declared)
For here loo by myne instrumentis
I can shew the playne expiment?

Hu. Wherto I you requyre
Er. With all my herte it shall be done
But for the furst conclusyon
That I spake of the fyre
Be this the see that is so rounde
And this the fyre vpon the grounde
And this the shyp that is here
ye knowe well that a mannes syght
Can neuer be but in a lyne ryght

Hu. Just you say that is clere
Er. Marke well than may not y mānis eye



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With argyng here they foryng
That is not worth in strawes
I loue not this hore son losophers
Nor this great conyng extromers
That tell how far it is to the sterres
I hate all maner conyng
I wolde ye kne to it I am Ignorance
A lorde I am of gretter pulans
Than the kyng of yngland or fraunce
ye the grettyst lord luyng

I have seruaunt at my retynew
That longe to me I assure you
Here with in ynglande
That with me yngnorance dwell styll
And terine of lyfe cōtynew wyll
A houe v C. thousand

Sen. Gogge navyls I have payed so of the I
yng. why man what eplyth y so to blow (tro


Sen. For I was at a shrewd fray
yng. Hast thou any of them slayn than

Sen. ye I haue slayn them puerly man
Sane them that ran away

yng. why is any of them skapyd & gone

Sen. ye by gogge body euerychone
All that euer were there.

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Yng. Why than they be not all slayne
Sen. No but I haue put some to payne
For one horsen there was y^e toyned againe
And streyght I cut of his ere
Yng. Than thou hast made a cut hym purs
Sen. Ye but yet I seruyd a nother woys
I smot of his legge by the hard ars
As sone as I met hym there
Yng. By my trouth that was a mad dede
Thou holdest haue smyt of his hed
Thā he shold neuer haue treublid y^e moze
Sen. For the than I had ben but mad
For there was a nother man that had
Smyt of his hed befoze
Yng. Thā thou hast quyt y^e lyke a tal knyght
Sen. I ye that I haue by this lyght
But I sey can you tell me ryght
Where becam my maister
Yng. What he that you call humanyte
Sen. I ye
Yng. I wot neuer except he be
Byd here in some corner
Sen. Goggs body and trew ye sey
For yonder lo beholde ye may
Se where the mad sole doth ly

Yng. Now on my feyth and treuth
 Hit were eyn great almys
 To smyte his hed from his body
Sen. Nay god sozbed ye sholde do so
 For he is but an innocent lo
 In maner of a fole
 For as sone as I speke to hym agayne
 I shall tozne his mynde clene
 And make hym folowe my kole
Yng. That byd hym ryle let vs here hym speke
Sen. Now ryle by maister huddy peke
 your tayle totyth out be hynde
 fere not man stande vp by and by
 I warrant you ryle vp boldly
 Here is non but is your frynde
Hu. I cry you mercy maister dere
Yng. why what is cause thou hydest the here
Hu. For I was almoste for fere
 Eyn clene out of my mynde
Sen. Nay it is the study that ye haue had
 In this folythe losophy hath made you
 And no nother thyng I wys (mad
Yng. That is as trewe as the gospeil
 Therefore I haue great meruell
 That euer thou wylt folowe the counsell
 Of yonder two knaurs

O sye ye know ryght well this
That when any man is
In other mens company
He must ned^s folow the appyte
Of such thyng^s as they delyte
Som tyme amonge perdy
png. But such knaues wold alway haue ϕ
To put all thy mynd & felcitate
In this folysh cōnyng to study
Which if thou do wyl make ϕ mad
And alway to be pensyl & sad
Thou shalt neuer be mery
Sen. Mery quod a/no I make god auow
But I pray ϕ mayster hark on word now
And aunswere this thyng
Whether thought you it better chere
At the tauerne where we were ere
Or ell^s to clatter with these knaues here
Of they^r folysh cunnyng
Du. Nay I can not say the contrary
But ϕ I had mych my^rer company
At the tauerne than in this place
Sen. Than pf ye haue any wyf or bryd
Let vs go to the tauerne agayn
And make some mery solace
png. yf he wyl do so thã doth he wysely

Hu. By my troth I care not gretely
For I am indyfferent to all company
whether it be here or there

Sen. When I shall tell you what we wyll do
Mayster yngnozauns you & he also
Shall tary both wyl here
And I wyll go fet hyther a cōpany
That ye shall here the syng as swetly
As they were angell' clere
¶ And yet I shall byrnyng hydyr a nother
Of lusty bludd' to make dysport (sort
That shall both daunce & spryng
And to me clene aboue y' ground
with fryscas & with gambawd' round
That all the hall shall ryng
¶ And y' done with in an howze or twayn
I shall at the towne agayne
Prepare for you a banket
Of metys that be most delycate
And most pleasaunt drynk' & wynes ther
That is possyble to get (ate
¶ which shall be in a chamber feyre
Replete with lode & fragrat' eyre
Dyeparyd poynt deuyle
with damaske water made so well
That all y' howse therof shall smell
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As it were paradys

And after that if ye wyll touche

A feyre wenche nakyd in a couche

Of a softe bed of downe

For to satisfye your wantō lust

I shall apoynt you a trull of trust

Not a feyrer in this towne

And whau ye haue taken your delyste

And thus satisfied the appetyte

Of your wyttis fyue

ye may sey than I am a seruaunt

For you so necessary and plefaunt

I trowe non suche a lyue

Hu. I Rowe by the wey that god dyd walke

It esforthe myne herte to here the talke

Thy mache was neuer seyn

png. I Than go thy wey by and by

And bynge in this company

And he and I wyll here tary

Tyll thou come agayne

Hu. And I prey the hertely also

Sen. At your request so shall I do

No I am gone nowe fare well

I shall bynge them in to this hall

And come my selfe for mast of all

And of these reuellis be thefe mer shall

And order all thyng well

Cyngnozaunce.

Nowe set thy hert on a mery pye
Agayns these lusty bludde come in

And dyue fantelys a wey

Hu.

And so I wyll by heuyn kyng

If they other daunce or syng

Haue a monge them by this day

Cyngn ozaunce.

Than thou takyst good & wyse weys

And so shalt thou best please

All this hole company

For the folythe arguyng & thou hast had

with that knaue experiens & hath made

All these folke therof wery

For all they that be nowe in this hall

They be the most pte my seruante all

And loue pryncypally

Disportis as daunsyng syngyng

Toys tryfults laughyng gestyng

For connyng they set not by

Hu.

I se well suche company euer more

As sensuell appetyte is gone fore

wyll please well this audyens

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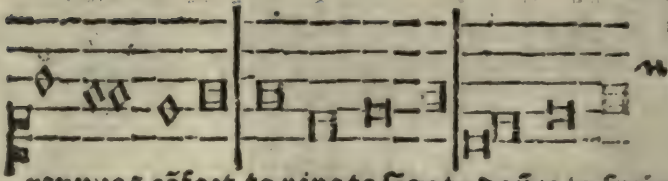
I ye that I suppose they wyll

But please harke I prey the be styll

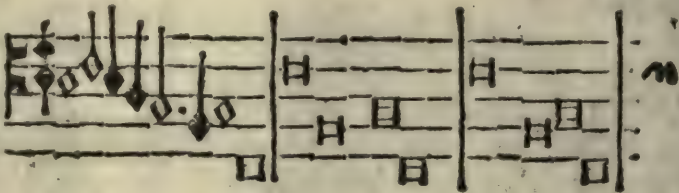
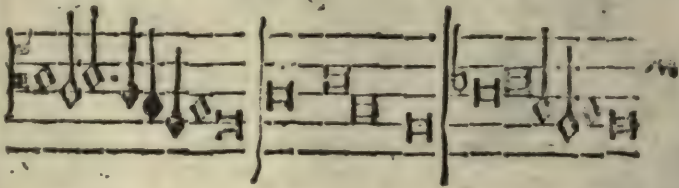
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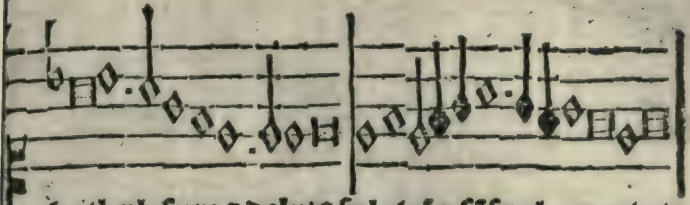
I wene they be not far hens
¶ Then the daunlers with out the hall syng this
wyse and they with in answet oꝛ ellys they may
say it foꝛ nede.

¶ The daunlers & Sensuall.
Deafe syꝛs pease now pease syꝛs all
¶ Humanyte & yngnozans.
why who is that so hye doth call
¶ The daunlers.
Sylence I say be you among
foꝛ we be dysposyd to syng a song
¶ Humanyte & yngnozans.
Come in then boldely among this presens
foꝛ here ye shall hauc good audyens.

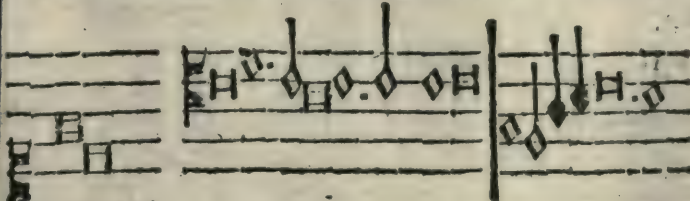


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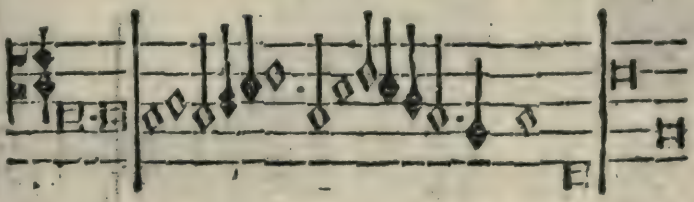
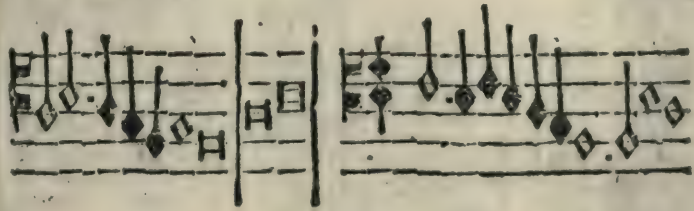




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to pipe &c.



Yng. I can you thank þ is done well
It is pyte ye had not a mynstrell
Foz to angment your solas

Sen. As foz mynstrell it maketh no force
ye shall se me daunce a cours
without a mynstrell be it better oz woꝝ
folow all I wyll lede a trace

Hu. Now haue a monge you by this lyght

Yng. That is well sayd be god almyght
Make rome lrys & gyt them place

Chan he syngyth this song & daunyth with all
And euermoze maketh countenaunce accordyng
To the mater & allþ other annswer lyke wyle

CDaunce we/daunce we.praunce we praunce we

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So merely let vs daunce ey/ so merely &c
And I can daunce it gyngerly & I &c
And I can fote it by & by & I &c
And I can pranke it pperly
And I can countenaunse comely
And I can kroke it curtesly
And I can lepe it lustly
And I can torn it trymply
And I can frylske it freshly
And I can loke it lordly

Yng. I can the thanke sensuall apetyte
That is þ best daunce with out a pype

That I saw this seuen yere
Hu. This daunce wold do mych better yet
yf we had a kyt oz taberet
But alas ther is none here
Sen. Then let vs go to y tauerne agayne
There shall we be sure of one oz twayn
Of mynstrells y can well play
yng. Then go I pray ye by & by
And puruey some mynstrell redy
And he & I wyll folow shortly
As fast as euer we may
Hu. Ther with I am ryght well content
Sen. Then wyll I go in cortynent
And prepare euery thyng
That is metely to be done
And for lacke of mynstrells y mean scald
Now wyll we begyn to syng

Now we wyll here begyn to syng
For daunce can we nomoze
For mynstrells here be all lackyng
To y tauerne we wyll therfoze

CEt erūt cantando &c.

- Hu.** Now yf that sensuall appetyte cā synd
Any good mynstrell after hys mynd
Dowt not we shall haue good sport
- yng.** And so shall we haue for a suerte
But what shall we do now tell me
The meane whyle for our cōfort
- Hu.** Then let vs some lusty balet syng
- yng.** Nay sy by þ heuyn kyng
For me thynkyth it seruyth for no thyn
All suche peuysh prykyer yd song
- Hu.** Bes man pryksong may not be dyspyly
For ther with god is well plesyd
Honowryd praylyd & seruyd
In the churche oft tymes among
- yng.** As god well pleasyd trowst thou therby
Nay nay for there is no reason why
For is it not as good to say playnly
Gyf me a spade
As gyf me a spa ve va ve va ve vade
But yf thou wylt haue a song y is good
I haue one of robyn hode
The best that euer was made
- Hu.** Then a feleshyp let vs here it
- yng.** But there is a bordon thou must bere it
O; ellys it wyll not be

Du. **E** Chan begyn and care nō fo,
Downe downe downe &c.
yng. **R**obyn hode in barnysdale stode
And lent hym syl a mapyll thystyll
Chā cam our lady & swete saynt andrew
Slepyst thou wakyst thou geffreycoke
A. C. wynter the water was depe
I can not tell you how brode
He toke a gosse neck in his hande
And ouer the water he went
He start vp to a thystell top
And cut hym downe a holyn clobe
He stroke þ wren betwene the hornys
That fyre sprange out of the pygge taylor
Tak boy is thy bowe I broke
Or hath any mā done þ wyrguldy wrage
He plukkyd muskyllys out of a wylowre
And put them in to his sachel
Cryllyn was an archer good
And well coude hande a spade
He toke his bend bowe in his hand
And set hym downe by the fyre
He toke with hym .lx. bowes and ten
A pece of befe a nother of baken
Of all the byrdes in mery england
So mcrely ppyrs the mery botell

Nature.

Well Humanyte now I see playnly
That thou hast vsyd muche foly
The whyle I haue ben absent

Du. **Sy?** I trust I haue done nothyng
That shold be contrary to your pleasynge
Noz neuer was myne intent

Fo? I haue folowed the counsell clere
As ye me bad of studyouse desire
And fo? necessyte a monge
Somtyme sensuall appetyt^r counsell
Fo? without hym ye knowe ryght well
My lyfe can not endure longe

Nature.

Though it be fo? the full necessary
Fo? thy cōfort somtyme to satysfy
Thy sensuall appetyte

yet it is not conuenient fo? the
To put therein thy selcyte
And all thy hole desyre

Fo? if thou wilt lerne no sciens
Nothyr by study noz experiens

I shall the neuer auance
But in the woꝝde thou shalt dure than
Dyspyled of euery wyse man
Lyke this rude best ygnoraunce



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